The National Flag. The first display of the national flag | The story of Mme. Albani's first a military post was at Fort Schuy- London engagement is as follows: er, on the site of the present city of Colonel Mapleson heard of her singing arly in August, 1777. The garrison that she would be successful, he made was without a flag, so one was made her an offer through an agent of a according to the prescription of con- contract to sing in Her Majesty's thewhite stripes, bits of scarlet cloth for the red stripes, and the blue ground the cabman to drive her to the Italian for the stars was made from a piece of the blue cloak belonging to Captain Her Majesty's, took her to Covent Gar-Abraham Swartwout of Dutchess county. N. Y. This flag was unfurled opera. She was shown up to the maner the fort on Aug. 3, 1777. The national flag was first unfurled

hattle on the banks of the Brandy- Mapleson had offered her. Mr. Gye. the American sloop of war Provi-hence captured Fort Nassau, on the but that he could do much better by Bahama islands. Captain Paul Jones her. He offered to tear up the contract. was fitted out at that port for Captain came one of the stars of Covent Gar-Iones. The Ranger sailed from Portsouth on Nov. 1, 1777.

Buried Landscapes. One of the most curious results of gical exploration is the discovery buried landscapes," by which is Kinley administration with a petition ent parts of the former face of the containing 7,000 names recommending nth now covered under later deposman if he had been present among Sometimes buried landscapes tist in countries now densely inhabitrocky projections seen there are the ks and aretes of a buried mountain hain belonging to the old red sandperiod. Several different phases the history of this landscape have places." ced. At one time it contained salt lakes and desert expanses. In its modern form it is a pastoral region. If I get the job?"-Philadelphia Saturbe barren, stony tracts and rocky where the ancient mounproject through the soil.-Detroit

Whistler as a Horseman. Boggs, a cadet cavalry officer at West Point academy, was an assistant in the riding hall. On one occaoughly disliked to ride, objecting stren- and the waiter must have seen it." use. The horse, he argued, was too found. I tell you, and I'll have it now beavily built and much too large for a or you'll never see me here again." veherience, urged the man next him was walking away when he was halito fawap." The man with whom he ed by a man who had entered by the muscular build and a "pretty generous | ambrella? I picked it up when we fin-Mr. Whistier' cried the dragoon. for a few days. He'll be ashamed

Albani and Gye.

ome, N. Y. The fort was besieged at a theater at Malta, and, thinking ess by cutting up sheets to form the ater. She agreed to it and went to London, but on arriving there she told opera house. He, instead of going to den, which was also devoted to Italian ager's office and stated that she had come to sign the contract which Mr. the Sept. 11, 1777. The flag was thinking to play a joke on his rival, made out a contract, and 10 28, 1778, when Captain Rathbone Albani signed it. Mr. Gye then told as the first man to display the Amer- if she liked, but told her that Nilsson in dag on an American vessel. This was singing at Her Majesty's and would brook no rival. Albani decided to let the contract stand and thus bedens, eventually marrying the son of

> His Final Plea. A Chicago man appeared at the White House one day during the Mc-

him for appointment as Brazilian minthe but fet retaining so many of their ister. He was a picture framer, and iginal features that the geologist can when he was canvassing for orders he reconstruct the scenes that took along his petition and asked and have been presented to the eye everybody in the picture frame business to sign it. Almost everybody did. The man was insistent and finally.

reached the president. Always gentle d Investigation has shown that one and considerate, President McKinley es beneath the region in England explained to the candidate that he known as Charnwood forest. The would have to consult the Illinois senators and representatives about the matter before making the appointment. "You know." said the president, "we

"Well," asked the picture framer, "won't I be just as big as any of them day Evening Post.

The Lost Umbrella.

"I have been coming here for my lunch for years, but never again," said a man to the head waiter of a downtown restaurant recently. "Sorry." began the waiter. "Sorry nothing. 1 left the umbrella here not five minutes n he overheard Whistler, who thor- ago, there was no one near our table, with to the horse brought for his "If we find it"- "Find it? It is man of his size. Whistler, with much | The man, flushed with excitement, wished to exchange horses was of rear door; "Say, Frank, is this your and his horse a lightweight an-ished lunch. Glad you were still here." total, so it seemed to Whistler that it "Here, but not still." the head waiter onld be a "most fitting exchange." | whispered. "The umbrella has been Oh, don't swap! Don't you swap. found, but our customer has been lost

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Dorn & Mims

a comributor to Paris Kigaro questions whether men of this type are any siller than those of a past generatton who belonged to well known families of long descent. There was one of the family of

Croy, this contributor writes, "who as fond of showing an old painting of Noah entering the ark and crying

Sauvez les papiers de la maison de Croy!" (Save the records of the souse of Croy!)

Corrected His Error. With the Germans the absentminded

college professor is a stock source of One of these deeply absorbed gentlemen, sitting on a rear seat, thought he knew a person sitting in front and was about to speak to him when, the stranger by chance turning a little, the proor saw that he was mistaken.

touching him on the heremarked politely: "You will excuse me, but you are not the person I thought you were."

About Face. Miss Prude I just heard that Mr. Opton had an accident-in fact, that he ah er limb, you know. Do you know how it happened, Mr.

Mr. Jones-Why-er-he was gathering apples; you see, and he fell from the aw er that is, the leg of the tree Tadies' Home Journal.

A Possible Remedy. The ocean doesn't seem to agree with you." consoled the ship's doctor, who had prescribed everything con-

"Farnaps'it would," moaned the other. "I baven't tried it yet."-Puck.

Talent Recognized. "Jebbers doesn't appear to have the ightest idea of practical politics." "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; resumption of ignorance on the abject proves him a most astute politician:"-Washington Star.

Eating Time. Friend-So you dined at a way station. What did you have for dinner? Traveler-Twenty minutes.--Kansas City Journal.

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Modern Kids. "So you love your new little brother?" asked the visitor. "Well, dearle, will you sell him to me? I'll give you \$1 for every ounce he weighs." "No, I won't!" answered the angel

"Dear, loyal little sister!" beamed the visitor. "And why not?" "Because," answered the tiny tot, with a quivering lip-"because he only weighs six bounds. Come back next

month an' I'll see if we can't make a

His Weak Point.

deal."-Cleveland Leader.

A man who takes a business view of things when recently asked his opinion of a person of quite a poetic temperament replied:

"Oh, he's one of those men who have soarings after the infinite and divings after the unfathomable, but who never pay cash."

The Case Altered.

Brown-Is it correct to speak of a man as "of the male persuasion?" Jones-Yes, if the subject is not mar-

"What has that to do with the mat-

"Why; when he is married his wife persuades him."

Recipe For Longevity.

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